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Despite the objections of prosecutors in a murder case, CIA documents may have to be submitted for the defense of Genaro Celaya, a former government informant accused of killing an undercover narcotics agent.

Celaya faces a retrial in August in connection with the 1979 slaying of John Walker, an Arizona Department of Public Safety narcotics agent killed during an \$88,000 ripoff at Tucson International Airport.

The defense claims Celaya was set up and the motive might be discovered in government documents. Celaya allegedly was recruited in the early 1970s by former CIA agent Hugh Murray to gather political information in Mexico. Murray said he left CIA in 1974 to go to work for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

Pima County Superior Court Judge G. Thomas Meehan said Monday he will permit Walter Nash, Celaya's attorney, to seek federal personnel and other records but will rule individually on whether they can be admitted as evidence.

William R. Stevens Jr., deputy county attorney, said Celaya had no contact with the CIA after 1974 and said the agency has no records on Celaya.

Richard Sullivan, identified at a hearing as CIA associate counsel, said it would be a burden for CIA officials to appear in court and he offered to supply signed affidavits with any subpoenaed records.

The prosecution claims Celaya tried to steal money from Walker during a cocaine bust although no drugs were seized.

Celaya was found guilty of first-degree murder at his first trial but the Arizona Supreme Court later reversed the conviction.